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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

February 17, 2004

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, pursuant to which 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in internment camps during World War II; and

Despite their families being incarcerated behind barbed wire in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World War II, serving in the 100th Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion; and

The 100th Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion heroically suffered nearly 10,000 casualties and are honored as being among World War II's most decorated units, having received seven Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations, 20 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 588 Silver Stars, 5,200 Bronze Stars; and 9,486 Purple Hearts; and

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On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity and, hence, was caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim February 19, 2004 as "Remembrance Day" throughout the County and urges all its citizens to observe this day with ceremonies and activities that honor our Japanese American veterans.

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